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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR IDAHO



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AS OF
MAR. 1, 1974

TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK for IDAHO



GENERAL SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1, 1974

Snowfall during February continued above normal throughout Northern and Southwestern Idaho north of the Snake River and near to slightly below average over the remainder of the state. Record snow-water accumulation has been recorded on several high elevation snow courses with practically all sites exceeding an April 1 normal. Snow-water equivalent values range from a low of 91% of average on the Little Lost drainage to a high of 185% of normal on the Palouse River watershed.

Valley precipitation during February ranged from slightly below average on the Snake River Plain and Salmon, Payette, Boise and Owyhee drainages to well above normal in the Pend Oreille-Spokane watersheds. Soil moisture remains good to excellent.

Reservoir storage is good to excellent and it appears some reservoirs should be lowered to make space for anticipated high volume runoff.

The outlook for water supply during the 1974 irrigation season is good to excellent throughout the state. Streamflow forecasts range from 110% of average for the Teton River near St. Anthony and the Big Lost at Howell Ranch for the April-September period to 166% of normal for the Weiser River above Crane Creek, March through September.

Major flooding occurred in several areas during January and the potential for high, rapid runoff still exists on most drainages in Northern and Southwestern Idaho.

COMPARISON of SNOW COVER

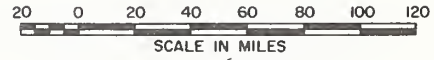
RIVER BASIN WATERSHED	NO. OF COURSES AVERAGED	THIS YEARS SNOW WATER EXPRESSED AS PERCENT OF :	
		LAST YEAR	1958-72 AVERAGE
<u>UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN</u>			
Kootenai River	27	175	131
Pend Oreille River	77	190	126
Clark Fork River	57	195	125
Flathead River	20	180	129
Priest River	3	200	149
Spokane River	10	275	161
<u>LOWER SNAKE RIVER BASIN</u>			
Palouse River	5	1347	185
Clearwater River	19	225	143
Salmon River	21	199	139
Lemhi River	6	207	132
<u>MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - Northside</u>			
Little Lost River	5	135	91
Big Lost River	6	157	106
Fish Creek	2	115	109
Little Wood River	4	134	110
Big Wood River	8-9	188	138
Boise River	13	200	146
Payette River	15	184	142
Weiser River	2	178	151
Mann Creek	3	158	--
<u>MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - Southside</u>			
Raft River	7	142	141
Goose-Trapper Creeks	3	156	144
Salmon Falls Creek	9-11	126	121
Bruneau River	5	119	115
Owyhee River	5	160	155
<u>UPPER SNAKE RIVER BASIN</u>			
Upper Snake - Wyoming	15-18	153	115
Camas Beaver Creeks	2	104	94
Henrys Fork River	10-11	148	120
Teton River	2-11	147	116
Willow-Sand Creeks	6	123	120
Blackfoot River	3	114	107
Portneuf River	4	132	127
<u>GREAT BASIN</u>			
Bear River	23	143	113
Montpelier Creek	4-6	140	107
Mink Creek	5-7	148	135
Cub River	2	180	160
Malad River	4-6	109	117

SNOW WATER DEPTHS

As percent of 1958-72 15 year average

MARCH 1, 1974

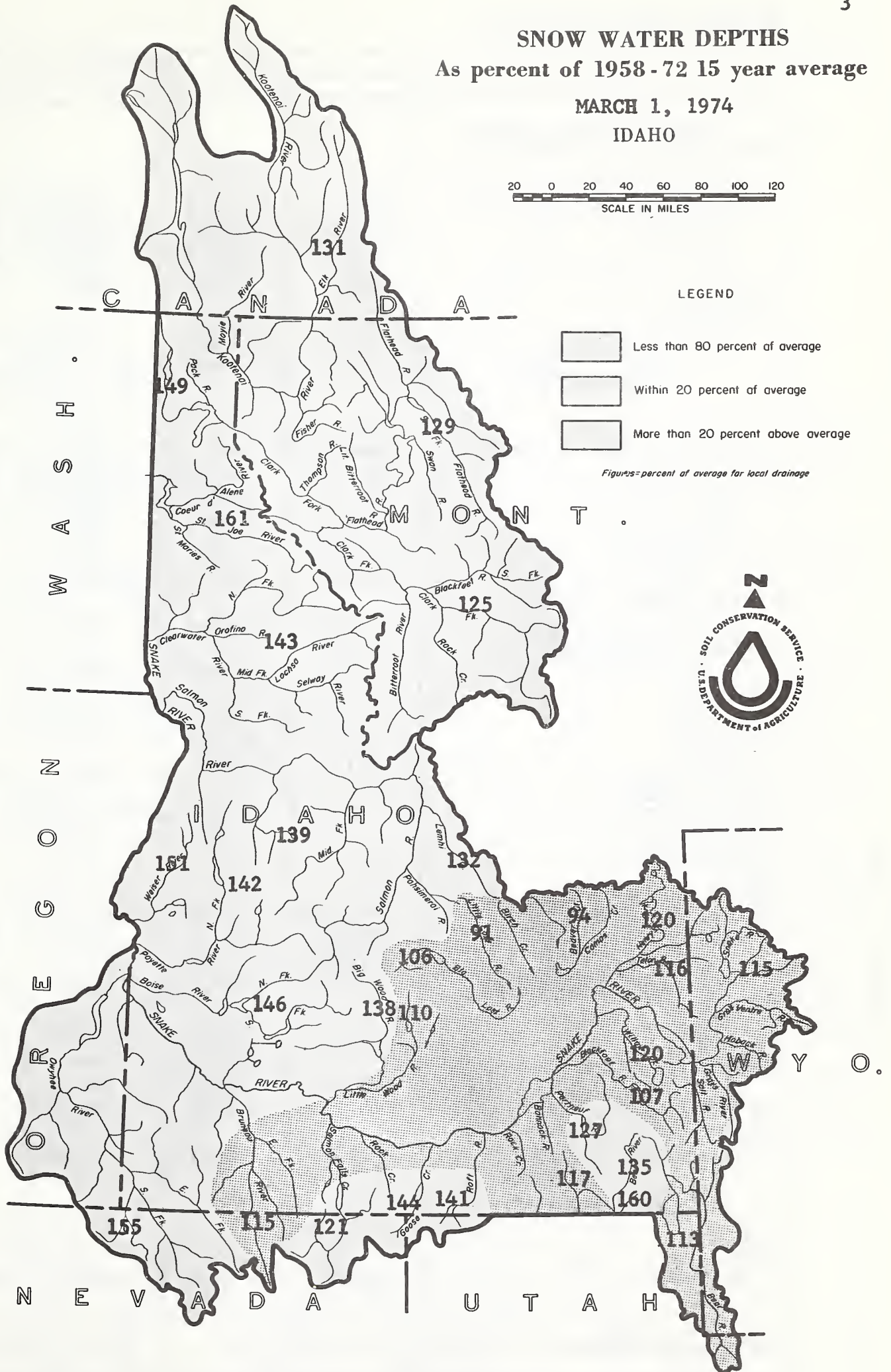
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- Less than 80 percent of average
- Within 20 percent of average
- More than 20 percent above average

Figures=percent of average for local drainage



RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

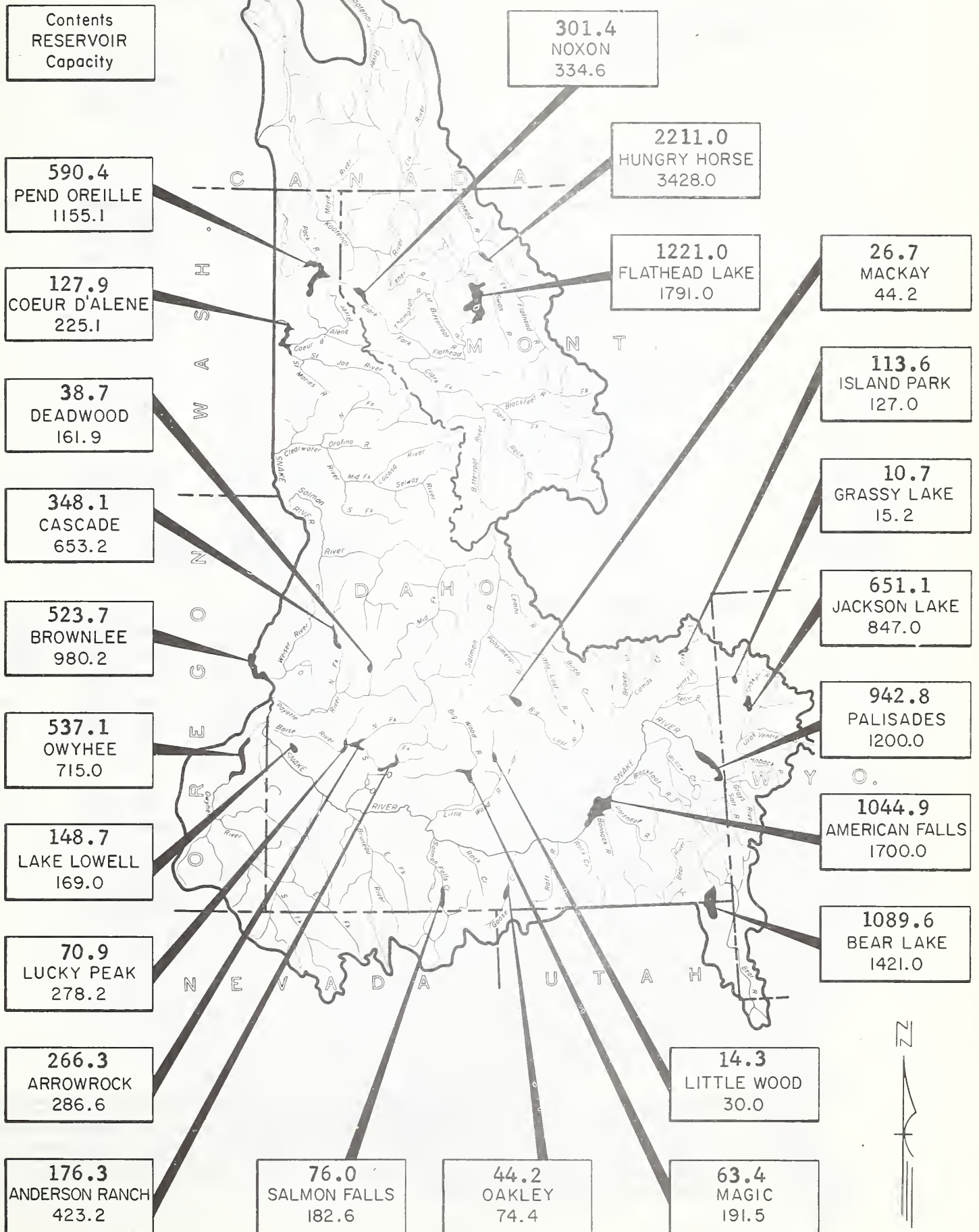
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1958-72 AVERAGE
<u>UPPER COLUMBIA BASIN</u>				
<u>Clark Fork - Pend Oreille</u>				
Hungry Horse	3428.0	2211.0	2062.0	2329.0
Flathead	1791.0	1221.0	1010.0	1009.0
Pend Oreille	1155.1	590.4	393.2	457.0
Noxon	334.6	301.4	320.6	300.6
<u>Spokane</u>				
Coeur d'Alene	225.1	127.9	53.3	162.3
<u>SNAKE BASIN</u>				
<u>Snake</u>				
Jackson Lake	847.0	651.1	636.1	533.3
Palisades	1200.0	942.8	932.9	809.0
American Falls	1125.0	1044.9	1090.8	789.1
Island Park	127.0	113.6	100.1	113.5
Grassy Lake	15.2	10.7	10.5	10.3
Brownlee	980.2	523.7	475.1	451.1*
<u>Goose-Trapper Creeks</u>				
Oakley	74.4	44.2	47.2	19.3
<u>Salmon Falls Creek</u>				
Salmon Falls	182.6	76.0	99.5	34.5
<u>Big Lost</u>				
Mackay	44.2	26.7	37.3	31.9
<u>Big Wood</u>				
Magic	191.5	63.4	124.6	103.5
<u>Little Wood</u>				
Little Wood	30.0	14.3	19.9	15.5
<u>Fish Creek</u>				
Carey Valley	14.4	5.7	4.1	--
<u>Boise</u>				
Anderson Ranch	423.2	176.3	290.2	237.6
Arrowrock	286.6	266.3	277.9	247.9
Lucky Peak	278.2	70.9	177.7	89.2
Lake Lowell (Deer Flat)	169.0	148.7	117.6	132.0
<u>Owyhee</u>				
Owyhee	715.0	537.1	600.0	452.7
<u>Payette</u>				
Cascade	653.2	348.1	351.0	325.9
Deadwood	161.9	38.7	93.7	78.8
<u>Weiser</u>				
Mann Creek	11.1	7.7	5.5	--
<u>GREAT BASIN</u>				
<u>Bear</u>				
Bear Lake	1421.0	1089.6	1089.6	958.3
*Period of Record.				

RESERVOIR STORAGE

USABLE CONTENTS (1,000 Acre Feet)

MARCH 1, 1974

50 0 50 100 150
SCALE IN MILES



STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

BASIN, STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT	THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
	FORECAST ^c		FORECAST PERIOD	THOUSAND ACRE FEET	
	Thousand Acre Feet	Percent of Average		Last Year	Average

UPPER COLUMBIA BASINKOOTENAI RIVER

Leonla	(at)	10800	119	Apr-Sep	--	90
		9600	121	Apr-Jul	--	79
		7700	120	Apr-Jun	--	64

PEND OREILLE RIVERClark Fork River

Whitehorse Rapids	(at)	16800	117	Apr-Sep	--	143
		15500	118	Apr-Jul	--	130
		13200	117	Apr-Jun	--	113

Priest River

Priest River <u>1/</u>	(nr)	1150	131	Apr-Jul	--	8
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SPOKANE RIVER

Post Falls <u>2/</u>	(at)	4300	144	Apr-Sep	--	29
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St. Joe River

Calder	(at)	1920	143	Apr-Sep	--	13
		1840	144	Apr-Jul	--	12

SNAKE RIVER BASINSNAKE RIVER - MAIN STEM

Moran <u>3/</u>	(nr)	1050	122	Apr-Sep	655	8
Palisades Inflow <u>3/</u>		4400	118	Apr-Sep	2840	37
Heise <u>4/</u>	(nr)	4500	115	Apr-Sep	3004	39
Blackfoot <u>5/</u>	(nr)	4780	114	Apr-Jul	--	41
Weiser	(at)	7300	112	Apr-Sep	--	65

Henrys Fork

Ashton <u>6/</u>	(nr)	750	112	Apr-Sep	--	6
Rexburg <u>7/</u>	(nr)	1510	111	Apr-Sep	--	13

Teton River

St. Anthony	(nr)	485	110	Apr-Sep	--	4
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(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Priest Lake. 2/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Coeur d'Alene Lake 3/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake. 4/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake and Palisades. 5/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake, Palisades, Island Park, Henry's Lake, Grassy Lake and diversions between Heise and Blackfoot. 6/ Corrected for storage in Henry's Lake and Island Park Reservoir. 7/ Corrected for storage in Henry's Lake, Island Park, Grassy Lake and diversions between Ashton and Rexburg.

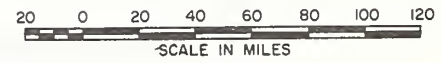
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PROSPECTIVE STREAMFLOW

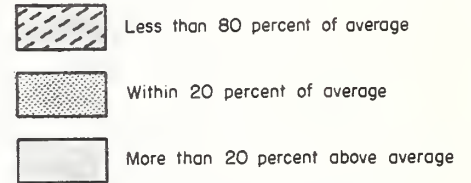
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MARCH 1, 1974

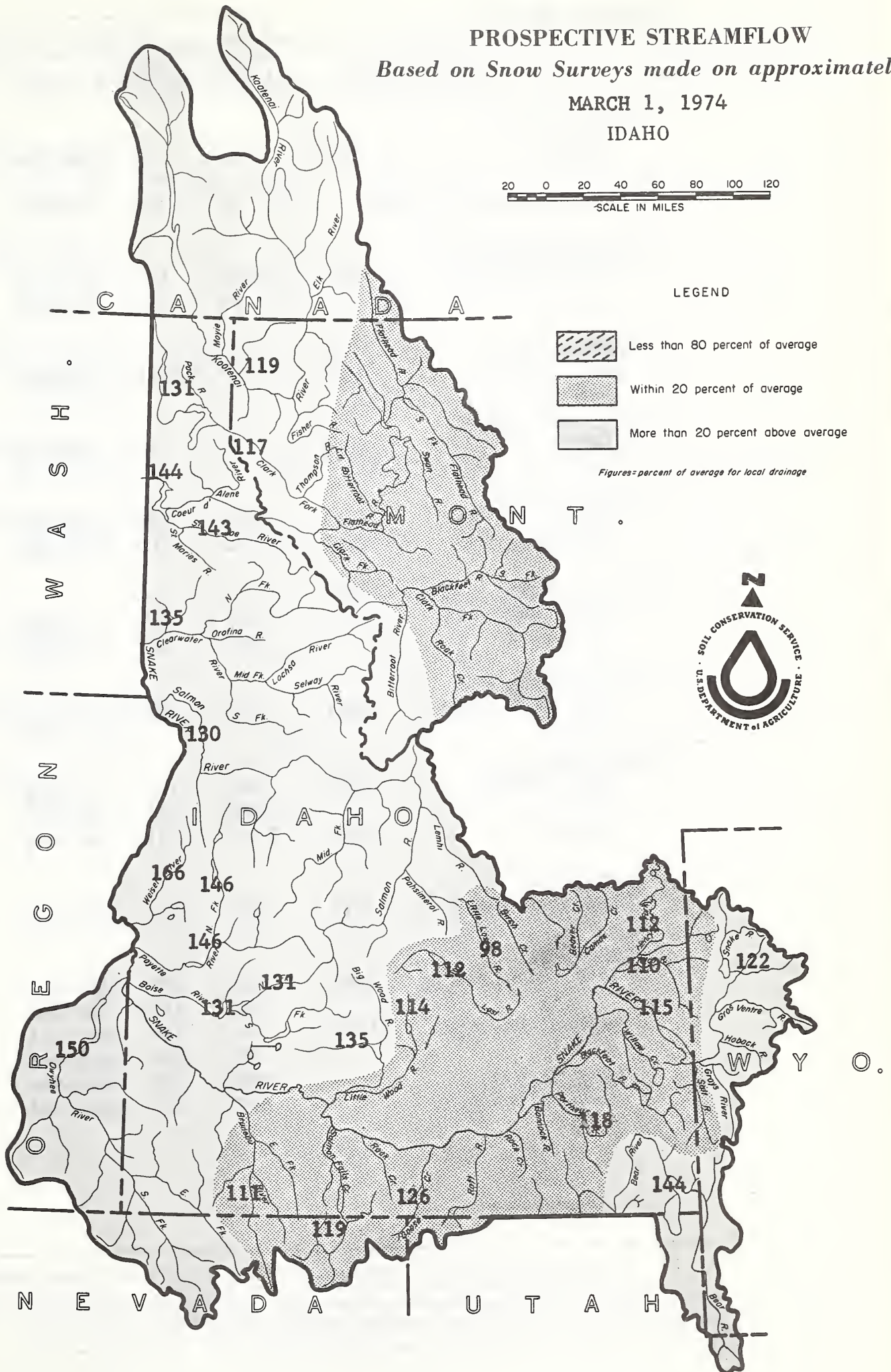
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Figures=percent of average for local drainage



STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

BASIN, STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		FORECAST ^c		FORECAST PERIOD	THOUSAND ACRE FEET	
		Thousand Acre Feet	Percent of Average		Last Year	Average
<u>Portneuf River</u>						
Topaz	(at)	110	118	Mar-Sep	--	93
<u>Oakley Reservoir Inflow</u>		37	126	Mar-Sep	--	29
<u>Salmon Falls Creek</u>						
San Jacinto	(nr)	100	119	Mar-Sep	--	84
		95	119	Mar-Jul	--	80
<u>Bruneau River</u>						
Hot Springs	(nr)	250	111	Mar-Sep	--	226
<u>Little Lost River</u>						
Howe	(nr)	40	98	Apr-Sep	--	41
<u>Big Lost River</u>						
Howell Ranch	(at)	230	110	Apr-Sep	--	208
Mackay <u>1/</u>	(nr)	200	112	Apr-Sep	--	179
<u>Big Wood River</u>						
Magic Reservoir		405	135	Apr-Sep	--	301
Inflow <u>2/</u>		420	135	Mar-Jul	--	310
<u>Little Wood River</u>						
High Five Creek	(ab)	105	114	Apr-Sep	--	92
<u>Boise River</u>						
Twin Springs	(nr)	940	131	Apr-Sep	--	719
		870	131	Apr-Jul	--	665
Boise <u>3/</u>	(nr)	2120	131	Apr-Sep	--	1611
<u>South Fork</u>						
Anderson Dam <u>4/</u>	(at)	820	131	Apr-Sep	--	625
<u>Owyhee River</u>						
Gold Cr., Nev. <u>5/</u>	(nr)	25	139	Apr-Jul	--	18
		30	130	Mar-Jul	--	23
Owyhee, Nev. <u>5/</u>	(nr)	84	124	Apr-Jul	--	68
		97	120	Mar-Jul	--	81
Lake Owyhee		498	150	Apr-Sep	270	332
net inflow <u>6/</u>		647	150	Mar-Jul	341	431

(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Mackay Reservoir
2/ Combined flow Big Wood River nr. Bellevue and Camas Creek nr. Blaine. 3/ Corrected for storage in Arrow-
 rock, Anderson Ranch and Lucky Peak. 4/ Corrected for storage in Anderson Ranch Reservoir. 5/ Corrected for
 storage in Wild Horse Reservoir. 6/ From U.S.B.R. records of inflow.

+ 1958-1972 period.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

BASIN, STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		THIS YEAR		FORECAST PERIOD	PAST RECORD	
		FORECAST ^c			THOUSAND ACRE FEET	
		Thousand Acre Feet	Percent of Average		Last Year	Average ⁺
<u>Payette River</u>						
Horseshoe Bend <u>1/</u>	(nr)	2700	146	Apr-Sep	--	1850
Banks <u>2/</u>	(nr)	1460	147	Apr-Jul	--	993
<u>North Fork</u>						
Cascade <u>3/</u>	(at)	820	146	Apr-Sep	--	562
Banks <u>3/</u>	(nr)	1065	146	Apr-Sep	--	730
<u>Weiser River</u>						
Weiser ab. Crane Creek <u>4/</u>		850	166	Mar-Sep	--	511
<u>Salmon River</u>						
Whitebird	(at)	9050	130	Apr-Sep	--	6959
<u>Clearwater River</u>						
Spalding	(at)	11500	135	Apr-Sep	--	8514
<u>GREAT BASIN</u>						
<u>BEAR RIVER</u>						
Harer	(at)	390	144	Apr-Sep	--	271
<u>Montpelier Creek</u>						
Montpelier	(nr)	13.2	106	Apr-Sep	--	12.4
<u>Cub River</u>						
Preston	(nr)	67	134	Apr-Sep	--	50.0

(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Corrected for storage in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs. 2/ Corrected for storage in Deadwood Reservoir. 3/ Corrected for storage in Cascade Reservoir. 4. Observed flow of Weiser River nr. Weiser minus observed flow of Crane Creek at mouth. + 1958-1972 period.

VALLEY PRECIPITATION 1/
Division Averages and Departures

In Inches

DRAINAGE DIVISIONS	Winter Feb. 1974		Fall - Winter Nov. 73 - Feb. 74	
	Observed	Departure <u>2/</u>	Observed	Departure
Kootenai, Canada & U.S.	2.17	+0.15	18.55	+6.28
Flathead	2.31	+0.51	13.19	+3.66
Clark Fork	0.44	-0.31	5.72	+1.52
Pend Oreille-Spokane	4.23	+1.15	28.18	+12.17
Upper Snake	1.94	+0.09	10.77	+2.18
Snake River Plain	0.57	-0.19	4.83	+0.69
Salmon-Payette-Boise	1.64	-0.19	15.25	+4.97
Clearwater	3.15	+0.66	17.17	+4.36
Owyhee-Malheur	0.48	-0.40	5.53	+0.76

1/ Preliminary analysis and data by the National Weather Service and Meteorological Service of Canada.

2/ Departure from 15-year (1958-72) drainage division average.

SNOW

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average ^b

UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER BASINPEND OREILLE - PRIEST RIVER

Benton Meadow	2344	2/25	18	4.0	2.7	6.1
Benton Spring	4900	2/25	80	28.9	12.6	17.4
#Mosquito Ridge (A)	5110	3/7	149	54.4	24.2	34.7*
Schweitzer Bowl	4500	3/1	130	49.5	21.2	27.8*
Schweitzer Ridge	6100	3/1	166	61.5	32.0	39.9*

HAYDEN LAKE

Chilco Ridge	3650	2/27	40	10.9	1.2	--
Corner Creek	3200	2/27	25	6.9	3.0	--
Sage Creek Saddle	4100	2/27	90	30.0	7.1	--
Ulrich Creek	2800	2/27	13	2.5	T	--

SPOKANE RIVER

Above Burke	4100	2/26	91	27.0	8.6	--
Above Burke (SP)	4100	2/26	--	25.7	8.7	--
Copper Ridge	4800	2/28	125	45.1	11.1	25.7
#Forty-nine Meadows	5000	3/8	132	47.2	14.6	28.9*
Fourth of July Summit	3100	3/4	48	14.2	1.9	7.3*
Granite Peak	6000	3/8	174	64.4	26.3	37.7*
Kellogg Peak (A)	5560	3/7	125	41.4	18.5	--
Lookout	5250	2/26	130	43.7	17.8	32.7
#Lost Lake	6000	3/8	265+	--	30.7	51.3*
Lower Sands Creek	3400	2/28	84	26.8	7.4	17.5
Medicine Ridge	6150	3/8	176	61.6	25.9	38.5*
Mosquito Ridge (A)	5110	3/7	149	54.4	24.2	34.7*
Roland Summit (A)	5200	3/7	166	54.1	22.4	31.3*
Sherwin	3200	2/26	60	20.0	5.2	13.8*
Sherwin (SP)	3200	2/26	--	19.4	5.3	--
Sunset(A)	5600	12 ' Marker Covered			--	33.7*

LOWER SNAKE RIVER BASINPALOUSE RIVER

Crumarine Creek	3340	2/28	44	14.1	T	7.8*
East Twin	4050	2/28	54	16.7	T	11.1
Howard Creek	3450	2/28	32	10.1	0.0	4.5*
Moscow Mountain	4400	2/28	87	27.9	6.6	15.3
West Twin	4250	2/28	65	20.1	T	9.4

(b) 1958-72, 15 year period. #Not located directly on this drainage. * Estimated 1958-72, 15 year Average. (A) Aerial observation Water content estimated. (SP) Pressure Pillow snow-water equivalent. (R) Radioactive Gage snow-water equivalent.

SNOW

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average ⁶

CLEARWATER RIVER

Buck Meadows	5600	2/26	94	32.8	17.6	25.7*
Cayuse Airstrip	3700	3/1	55	16.7	5.4	11.7
Coolwater Mountain (SP)	6200	3/1	--	30.7	13.7	--
Cottonwood Butte	5140	3/3	48	13.5	6.8	--
Crater Meadows	6100	3/1	136	46.8	26.4	40.9*
Crooked Fork	3600	2/28	56	16.9	6.3	12.9*
Elk Butte	5550	3/8	175	61.2	18.8	35.0*
Fish Lake Airstrip	5000	3/7	157	50.8	22.8	37.3
Forty-nine Meadows	5000	3/8	132	47.2	14.6	28.9*
Goat Lake	6600	3/7	161	58.6	29.2	43.8*
#Granite Peak	6000	3/8	174	64.4	26.3	37.7*
Hemlock Butte	5500	3/1	179	61.8	31.2	42.8*
#Hoodoo Basin	Mont.	3/1	169	63.4	31.5	46.1
#Hoodoo Creek	Mont.	3/1	163	58.6	29.4	43.2
Lolo Pass	5250	2/28	107	36.3	17.3	28.5
Lost Lake	6000	3/8	265+	--	30.7	51.3*
Lower Snowhaven	5250	3/3	61	19.6	9.4	--
#Medicine Ridge	6150	3/8	176	61.6	25.9	38.5*
#Nez Perce Pass	Mont.	2/22	67	19.3	10.8	14.3
Orogrande Mountain (SP)	7800	3/1	--	45.0	18.9	--
Pierce Ranger Station	3170	3/7	52	17.0	4.3	10.3
Powell Ranger Station	3410	2/27	50	16.4	6.0	12.6*
Savage Pass	6160	2/27	81	27.2	16.5	20.5
Savage Pass (New)	6160	2/27	84	26.9	16.9	--
Shanghai Summit	4600	3/1	115	37.5	13.3	24.5*
Upper Snowhaven	5600	3/3	55	20.5	10.0	--

SALMON RIVER

Big Creek Summit	6600	3/4	129	47.2	23.1	31.4
#Boulder Creek	5500	2/26	96	33.6	16.8	21.8*
Brundage Mountain	7560	2/27	139	56.2	32.5	42.2*
#Deadwood Summit	7000	3/9	172	64.5	33.8	40.3*
#Galena Summit	8795	2/26	86	30.7	13.7	20.6
#Gibbons Pass	Mont.	2/26	77	28.5	15.8	20.5
#Lemhi Pass	Mont.	2/27	28	7.5	4.9	7.9
#Lemhi Ridge	Mont.	2/27	39	10.1	5.8	8.9
Mill Creek Summit	8870	3/4	93	31.6	12.6	20.3*
Moose Creek	6200	2/28	61	19.8	10.3	15.2
Morgan Creek	7580	3/4	60	17.0	7.7	12.6*
Redfish Lake	6600	2/26	36	9.8	4.0	8.7*
#Rock Flat Summit	5200	2/27	70	21.6	11.4	16.2
#Secesh Summit	6600	2/27	130	50.6	26.0	--
Twin Peaks (A)	10300	3/4	96	32.6	10.8	--
Vienna Mine	8900	2/25	115	44.0	21.2	32.0*
Williams Creek Summit	7800	2/28	45	13.1	6.6	11.0

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Lemhi River

Above Gilmore	8200	3/4	46	11.1	4.4	8.6*
Aspen-Hall Pass (A)	8110	3/4	51	11.9	6.1	7.7*
Copes Camp	7500	3/4	35	8.5	4.9	6.6*
Hall Creek	7560	3/4	29	6.4	3.4	4.8*
Meadow Lake (A)	9100	3/4	75	22.9	9.9	17.1*
Schwartz Lake (A)	8500	3/4	54	12.6	6.7	11.0*

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MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - NORTHSIDELITTLE LOST RIVER

Fairview Guard Station	6750	2/26	21	4.8	3.0	4.5
Lost Garfield	6600	2/26	18	4.0	2.9	3.8
Moonshine	7450	2/26	34	8.4	6.2	9.8
Sawmill Canyon	6900	2/26	25	4.8	5.4	7.4
Wet Creek Summit	7600	2/25	41	11.2	7.1	10.9

BIG LOST RIVER

Bear Canyon	7920	2/25	61	19.6	11.4	15.8
Copper Basin	7650	2/25	29	10.0	4.6	8.7
Iron Bog	7650	2/28	52	12.7	9.6	13.8*
Leadbelt	6800	2/28	30	6.6	5.2	9.0*
Lost-Wood Divide	7900	2/25	85	28.7	--	--
Stickney Mill	7500	2/25	33	9.0	5.0	8.4
White Knob	7700	3/4	47	10.4	7.8	8.4*

FISH CREEK

Iron Mine Creek	6370	3/1	40	10.5	9.2	9.7
Telfer Ranch	6000	3/1	34	8.4	7.2	7.7

LITTLE WOOD RIVER

#Bear Canyon	7920	2/25	61	19.6	11.4	15.8
Garfield Ranger Station	6554	2/28	39	10.4	8.8	10.0
Muldoon	6300	2/28	25	5.6	7.2	7.8
Swede Peak	7650	2/28	62	18.3	12.8	15.4

BIG WOOD RIVER

Camas Creeks Divide	5720	3/9	45	16.1	9.9	--
#Couch Summit	6950	2/27	66	22.6	12.8	16.5*
Dollarhide Summit	8620	2/25	80	28.4	16.9	--
Galena	7300	2/26	73	24.5	11.6	17.2
Galena Summit	8795	2/26	86	30.7	13.7	20.6
Graham Ranch	6200	2/26	53	14.5	9.6	12.4
#Lost Wood Divide	7900	2/25	85	28.7	--	--
Mascot Mine	7900	2/25	50	15.4	8.9	12.1
Mount Baldy	9000	3/1	91	26.8	13.2	18.0
Soldier Ranger Station	6100	2/27	47	14.3	9.6	11.2*
#Vienna Mine	8900	2/25	115	44.0	21.2	32.0*

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BOISE RIVER

Atlanta Summit	7500	3/9	144	53.3	21.6	30.2
Bad Bear	5500	2/26	60	18.8	8.8	13.1*
#Bennett Mountain	6650	3/9	63	22.6	12.8	15.5*
#Bogus Basin	6120	2/28	74	27.5	15.2	20.7
Bogus Basin Road	5360	2/28	30	10.2	T	5.4
#Camas Creeks Divide	5720	3/9	45	16.1	9.9	--
Couch Summit	6950	2/27	66	22.6	12.8	16.5*
Deadman Gulch	5600	2/28	59	19.5	9.0	14.0*
#Dollarhide Summit	8620	2/25	80	28.4	16.9	--
Jackson Peak	7000	2/26	104	37.2	23.2	27.2*
#Little Camas Flat	4950	2/26	29	9.3	7.7	--
Moore's Creek Summit	6100	2/26	105	36.4	23.0	28.1
Prairie	4900	2/27	28	7.6	3.1	5.3
#Soldier Ranger Station	6100	2/27	47	14.3	9.6	11.2*
Trinity Mountain	7780	3/9	151	60.7	26.9	37.8
#Vienna Mine	8900	2/25	115	44.0	21.2	32.0*

PAYETTE RIVER

#Big Creek Summit	6600	3/4	129	47.2	23.1	31.4
Bogus Basin	6120	2/28	74	27.5	15.2	20.7
#Brundage Mountain	7560	2/27	139	56.2	32.5	42.2*
Cozy Cove	5900	2/27	57	18.7	11.0	15.1
Crawford Ranger Station	4800	2/28	37	10.4	4.3	7.7
#Deadman Gulch	5600	2/28	59	19.5	9.0	14.0*
Deadwood Airstrip	5440	2/27	54	17.6	10.9	14.5
Deadwood Dam	5290	2/27	57	18.4	11.2	15.5
Deadwood Summit	7000	3/9	172	64.5	33.8	40.3*
High Valley Summit	5170	2/28	46	13.1	9.0	10.3*
#Jackson Peak	7000	2/26	104	37.2	23.2	27.2*
Lake Fork	6000	3/6	69	22.3	10.4	14.1*
Rock Flat Summit	5200	2/27	70	21.6	11.4	16.2
Secesh Summit	6600	2/27	130	50.6	26.0	--
Squaw Meadow	5800	3/8	139	51.4	27.5	32.1*
Tripod Summit	5200	2/28	73	24.7	12.6	15.8*

WEISER RIVER

Boulder Creek	5500	2/26	96	33.6	16.8	21.8*
Placer Creek	6000	3/2	74	23.5	15.2	15.9*

MANN CREEK

Mann Creek	5980	2/27	83	30.7	19.8	--
Robinson Creek Ridge	6220	2/27	63	23.3	--	--
Sturgill Ridge	6680	2/27	104	37.8	24.9	--
Thorson Cabin	5320	2/27	55	17.7	9.8	--

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MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - SOUTHSIDERAFT RIVER

Boy Scout Camp		7600	2/28	49	17.2	13.5	13.2*
Clear Creek Mdws.	Utah	9050	2/26	63	19.9	20.7	18.2*
Howell Canyon		8000	2/28	95	36.9	18.5	22.2
One Mile Summit	Utah	7330	2/26	25	5.8	7.5	6.8*
Sheep Hollow		6200	2/28	23	7.2	7.1	5.6*
Sublett		6000	2/26	54	17.2	8.1	9.9
Summit Springs		6400	2/26	50	16.8	9.8	9.7*

GOOSE CREEK

Badger Gulch		6660	2/26	51	17.0	8.4	10.1
Bostetter Rgr. Sta.		7500	2/26	73	25.2	15.9	17.5
Vi Pont		7670	2/26	50	16.0	13.0	12.7*

SALMON FALLS CREEK

#Bear Creek	Nev.	7800	2/23	63	17.8	16.8	17.3
Cedar Creek		7000	2/23	45	11.9	7.4	8.8
Deadline		6900	2/24	79	25.8	18.9	19.9
#Fox Creek	Nev.	6800	2/23	41	11.0	8.8	9.3
Goat Creek	Nev.	8800	2/23	57	16.7	15.2	16.1*
#Hummingbird Spgs.	Nev.	8945	2/23	70	21.0	18.0	19.6*
Magic Mountain		6700	2/24	70	22.8	14.9	16.2
#Pole Creek R. S.	Nev.	8330	2/23	64	19.7	16.6	16.8
Red Point	Nev.	7940	2/23	39	10.7	7.3	--
Shoshone Basin		5740	2/24	32	8.9	5.6	4.2
Wilson Creek		7500	2/23	46	11.3	11.8	--

BRUNEAU RIVER

Bear Creek	Nev.	7800	2/23	63	17.8	16.8	17.3
Fox Creek	Nev.	6800	2/23	41	11.0	8.8	9.3
Hummingbird Springs	Nev.	8945	2/23	70	21.0	18.0	19.6*
Pole Creek R. S.	Nev.	8330	2/23	64	19.7	16.6	16.8
#Seventy-six Creek	Nev.	7100	2/23	50	14.8	10.4	10.0*

OWYHEE RIVER

Antelope Ridge		5900	2/28	34	10.1	4.4	6.1*
#Bear Creek	Nev.	7800	2/23	63	17.8	16.8	17.3
#Fox Creek	Nev.	6800	2/23	41	11.0	8.8	9.3
Mud Flat		5500	2/28	30	8.4	4.8	5.4
#Seventy-six Creek	Nev.	7100	2/23	50	14.8	10.4	10.0*
Silver City		6400	2/25	51	16.6	8.6	13.8
South Mountain		6340	3/4	47	16.2	7.4	10.7

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UPPER SNAKE RIVER BASINCAMAS-BEAVER CREEKS

Camp Creek	6800	2/28	30	8.0	7.7	9.0
Kilgore	6200	2/27	34	9.9	9.5	10.1

HENRYS FORK RIVER

Big Springs	6500	2/26	69	22.3	14.7	18.6
Black Canyon	7850	2/26	103	39.8	26.0	29.4*
Black Canyon (New)	7850	2/26	106	39.4	26.6	--
Black Moose	8125	2/26	117	46.0	30.4	36.2*
Grassy Lake	7230	2/26	106	33.4	25.9	30.1
Island Park	6315	2/27	59	17.7	12.0	14.7
Latham Springs	7650	2/26	103	37.6	27.2	27.9*
Lucky Dog	6900	2/26	82	28.4	19.6	21.6*
Sawtelle Mountain	8715	2/27	90	33.3	22.9	30.4*
Targhee Pass	7000	2/27	42	12.3	8.0	13.5*
Valley View	6500	2/27	44	14.1	8.0	15.4
White Elephant	7700	2/27	80	28.6	17.2	--

TETON RIVER

Darby Canyon	Wyo.	8250	3/10	87	28.3	17.0	--
Freds Mountain	Wyo.	8000	2/25	76	24.6	19.6	--
Garns Mountain		8300	3/10	117	42.4	28.9	--
Indian Meadows	Wyo.	8200	3/10	128	45.6	27.5	--
Jackpine Creek	Wyo.	7500	3/10	82	27.2	18.2	--
McRenold Reservoir		6800	3/10	72	23.4	15.6	--
Miles Creek	Wyo.	7500	3/10	49	15.2	11.8	--
Phillips Bench	Wyo.	8200	3/1	88	31.1	20.6	--
Pine Creek Pass		6750	2/25	62	19.0	13.4	15.4*
State Line		6400	2/25	49	13.5	10.8	12.6
Teton Pass W.S.	Wyo.	8400	3/1	77	29.4	20.1	--

WILLOW CREEK

Aspen Grove	6600	3/9	47	14.5	11.0	10.3*
Birch Creek	6800	3/9	50	16.9	9.2	14.3*
Blue Ridge	6775	3/9	60	20.9	--	--
Bone	6200	2/26	31	8.5	8.0	7.5*
Brockman Station	6500	3/9	35	11.2	--	--
Hell Creek	7100	3/9	51	18.1	--	--
Mud Creek	7150	3/9	47	15.8	--	--
Ozone	5800	2/26	8	2.3	2.6	--
Sheep Mountain	6510	2/26	46	14.1	12.5	12.6*
Tex Creek	6550	2/27	31	8.4	8.2	8.5*

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SAND CREEK

Henry Creek	5650	2/26	20	4.4	5.2	2.4*
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BLACKFOOT RIVER

Austin Bros. Ranch	6450	2/28	33	9.1	8.0	7.9
Slug Creek Divide	7225	2/28	42	13.8	13.4	14.2*
Somsen Ranch	7000	2/28	46	13.7	10.8	12.0

PORTNEUF RIVER

Dempsey Creek	6280	2/27	40	12.3	10.6	10.6
Lower Pebble	5800	2/27	47	14.9	10.9	12.1*
Mink Creek	6300	2/27	54	18.9	13.6	13.8
Pebble Creek	6550	2/27	49	17.2	12.8	13.5

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GREAT BASINBEAR RIVER

Emigrant Summit	7350	2/26	77	26.8	17.8	21.4*
Emigration Canyon	6500	2/26	36	10.4	8.6	9.7*

Montpelier Creek

Giveout	6840	2/28	40	12.0	8.2	11.0*
Little Beaver	6970	2/28	46	14.4	11.8	14.0*
Lower Home Canyon	7500	2/26	43	11.9	9.8	--
Montpelier Creek	6570	2/28	33	9.3	5.5	7.5*
Upper Home Canyon	8500	2/28	64	21.1	13.8	--
Whiskey Flat	6985	2/28	28	8.6	6.1	8.9*

Mink Creek

Christensen Ranch	5600	2/26	42	12.4	8.4	7.7
Dry Basin	7900	2/28	86	30.8	19.3	--
#Emigrant Summit	7350	2/26	77	26.8	17.8	21.4*
Horseshoe Basin	8000	2/28	71	25.0	18.7	--
Liberty Spring	8600	2/28	110	42.0	25.6	31.7*
Strawberry Creek	5800	2/26	44	14.1	10.9	9.6
Strawberry Mink Divide	6800	2/26	71	24.4	18.0	18.5

Cub River

Cub River R. S.	5400	2/28	45	14.3	7.3	8.0
#Franklin Basin	8000	2/28	76	27.4	--	--
Willow Flat	6100	2/28	60	19.7	11.6	13.2

MALAD RIVER

Cliff Canyon	7200	2/25	32	9.1	7.2	--
Daniels Creek	6400	2/25	28	7.8	6.5	--
Dry Creek Flat	6350	2/27	33	10.9	11.4	6.6
Lower Elkhorn	6850	2/27	41	13.6	12.0	12.4*
Oxford Mountain	6800	2/27	34	10.0	9.6	8.9
Upper Elkhorn	7100	2/27	52	17.0	16.2	16.0*

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SOIL MOISTURE

STATION		PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
<u>SPOKANE RIVER</u>							
Fourth of July Summit	3100	48	11.6	3/4	10.2	9.2	10.2
Lookout	5250	48	11.0	2/26	8.6	7.6	6.8
<u>SALMON RIVER</u>							
Mill Creek Summit	8870	48	9.4	3/4	4.0	4.2	4.2
<u>Lemhi River</u>							
Above Gilmore	8200	60	5.4	3/4	4.2	3.3	3.9
<u>LITTLE LOST RIVER</u>							
Fairview Guard Station	5850	48	10.1	2/26	8.5	7.2	8.2
Wet Creek Summit	8175	48	17.1	2/25	13.5	12.9	13.6
<u>RAFT RIVER</u>							
Howell Canyon	8000	48	11.5	2/28	9.1	8.6	7.6
Sheep Hollow	6200	36	7.5	2/28	6.8	6.6	6.5
Sublett	6000	36	7.0	2/26	6.4	4.2	6.1
<u>GOOSE CREEK</u>							
Badger Gulch	6660	36	7.0	2/26	5.1	6.7	6.5
<u>SALMON FALLS CREEK</u>							
Deadline	6900	36	7.4	2/24	6.8	7.0	--
Patrick Ranch	5720	36	7.7	2/23	5.1	5.7	7.0
Pole Creek R. S.	8330	48	9.7	2/23	8.1	7.7	8.0
<u>BRUNEAU RIVER</u>							
Bear Creek	7800	72	16.9	2/23	11.1	10.4	11.0
<u>HENRYS FORK RIVER</u>							
Island Park	6315	48	9.9	2/27	10.6	8.4	8.3
Valley View	6500	48	13.3	2/27	9.3	Frozen	7.7
<u>PORTNEUF RIVER</u>							
Lower Pebble	5800	36	7.6	2/27	8.2	7.6	7.6
Pebble Creek	6550	48	7.2	2/27	6.5	5.9	5.6

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STATION		PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
<u>BEAR RIVER</u>							
Emigrant Summit	7350	36	9.2	2/26	7.4	5.4	7.1
Strawberry Creek	5800	48	12.7	2/26	11.0	7.7	11.8
<u>Montpelier Creek</u>							
Giveout Pass	7025	36	9.4	2/28	7.6	--	Frozen
Jenson Ranch	6580	48	18.7	2/28	11.8	--	7.6

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